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Subject: Cape Lookout National Seashore Public Scoping Meeting Notice and Request for Public Comments on the:

Seashore Passenger Ferry Departure Site Study for Beaufort and Morehead City, North Carolina

Dear Friend,

Cape Lookout National Seashore is preparing an Environmental Assessment for a Passenger Ferry Departure Site Study for the Beaufort and Morehead City areas for service primarily to Shackleford Banks, and also to the Cape Lookout Lighthouse area of South Core Banks, North Carolina. The study will be done to determine how a part of Cape Lookout National Seashore *Commercial Services Plan*, 2008 (<http://www.nps.gov/caloparkmgmt/current-documents.htm>) concerning this service will be implemented.

The study will examine potential sites and site considerations for a ferry operations base in the Morehead City or Beaufort area. The study will consider available sites, site characteristics and requirements, including accessibility issues and opportunities for long-term co-location of facilities and partnering with the Towns of Beaufort and Morehead City and other government agencies, such as the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

An initial public (scoping) meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM and from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Duke University Marine Lab auditorium on Pivers Island (between Morehead City and Beaufort.) Information will be provided regarding the current status of this effort and park staff will be available to answer questions. The meeting will be held in an "open house" format. The public is invited to visit at any point during the scheduled time to review materials and provide comments.

The park is inviting public comments regarding potential issues and concerns that should be considered during the planning process. Comments can be provided at the meeting, by mail, or on-line.



Please note:

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comments by mail may be sent to:

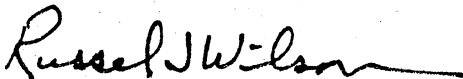
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Comments may also be made on-line at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CALO>. Follow the appropriate links to "Passenger Ferry Departure Site Study."

Scoping comments are requested by September 25, 2009. Once the scoping period concludes, all comments submitted will be considered, and a range of alternatives will be developed. The public, agencies, and other interested parties will have an opportunity to review and comment on the range of alternatives before they are finalized.

We appreciate your input on this project. If you have any questions regarding the project or would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact Management Assistant Wouter Ketel at 252-728-2250 extension 3005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russel J. Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russel J. Wilson  
Superintendent